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In re Application of MACDONALD *et al.*

: Docket No. 215075.00201

Application No. 09/586,981

: Group Art Unit: 3762

Filed: June 5, 2000

: Examiner: Leslie R. Deak

For: **BIOREACTOR DESIGN AND PROCESS FOR ENGINEERING TISSUE FROM CELLS**

**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Submitted herewith are the following documents for filing in the above-referenced application:

1. Return Receipt Postcard (1);
2. Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement; and
3. Form PTO SB/08A with three (3) references.

No Fee is believed to be due for this submission, However should any fees be associated with this filing, please charge said fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-1710, and/or any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1710.

Respectfully submitted,



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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER  
37 C.F.R. § 1.56, § 1.97(b)(3) AND § 1.98

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Dear Commissioner:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 (b)(3) and § 1.98, Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached Form PTO SB/08A. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

Copies of the documents are enclosed for the Examiner's convenience.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each, any, or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the present application and Applicants determine that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents. Further, Applicants reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied as prior art against the claims of the present application.

**CONCLUSION**

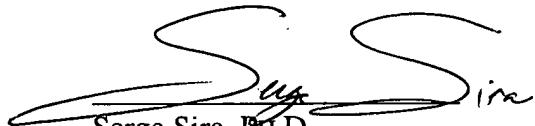
It is respectfully requested that the attached information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO SB/08A be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 625-3500. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

**AUTHORIZATION**

Applicants believe there is no fee due in connection with this filing as this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to any Office Action on the merits in this matter. However, to the extent required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees due in connection with this filing to Deposit Account 50-1710 or credit any overpayment to same.

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